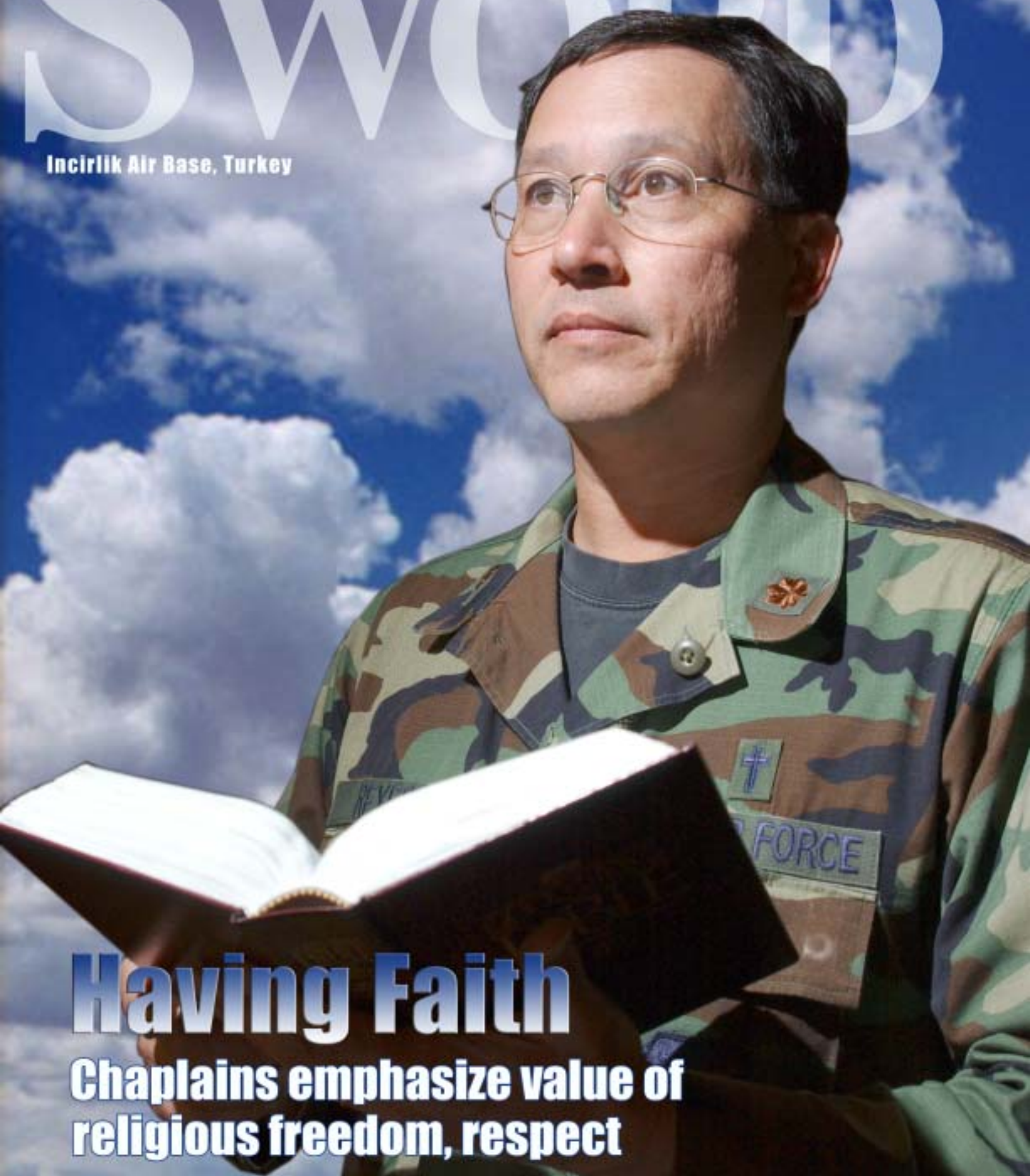


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Having Faith

Chaplains emphasize value of religious freedom, respect

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Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Reyes, 39th Air Base Wing chaplain, teaches during a bible study at the base Chapel. The chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service explains the role of chaplains and respect for others' beliefs throughout the Air Force in related article, page 4. (Photo illustration by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards)

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Robert Suminsby
39th Air Base Wing vice commander

Services awards

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently announced the command's 2005 Services individual award winners. Congratulations to **Wiyada Lee** for receiving the Dr. Beverly Schmalzried award; **Lt. Col. Jeffery Linskens**, Ismir Air Base, for receiving the Field Grade Officer of the Year award; **Jude Sorg** for receiving the Air Force Association Program Manager of the Year and William A. Jump awards; **Christine Fraizer** for receiving the Irving Rubenstein award; and **Christopher Skully** for receiving the Air Force Association Program Specialist of the Year award.

Cargo Hub Rumor Control

By now many of you have heard media reports about the Turkish government's approval of the United States' request to use Incirlik Air Base as a cargo hub to support operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. While the exact details of the agreement are still being negotiated, it is likely we will begin cargo hub operations here in the very near future. Incirlik can expect to see an increased operations tempo of both military and commercial wide-body aircraft, and additional deployed personnel as well.

Incirlik has played a vital role in the Global War on Terrorism from the very start, and this is an opportunity to step up that support. As a world-class, forward-operating base, we need to commit ourselves to making

this new operation a success.

Body piercing/tattoos

While body piercing can be a unique way of expressing one's individuality, there are certain rules that apply to military members. Women are the only people authorized to have ear piercings, which are limited to one small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl or silver pierced or clip earring per earlobe. When off-duty, the type and style of earrings worn by women on a military installation should be conservative and kept within sensible limits. Body piercing for males is not permitted – on duty or off, in uniform or civilian attire.

Members who intentionally alter or modify any part of their bodies in order to achieve a visible, physical effect that disfigures, deforms or otherwise detracts from a professional military image may be subject to disciplinary action or involuntary separation. Please consider this and use discretion before getting tattoos or any other body modifications. For more information, reference *Air Force Instruction 36-2903, attachment 5*.

Goal Day

May 27 is scheduled as a wing "Goal Day." In flying units, the decision to take the goal day is usually tied to completing the month sortie contract. However, wing commanders have the latitude to establish local criteria as well. At Incirlik, we have often linked our goal days to events such as higher headquarters inspections.

As you know, we are currently implementing the 0-1-3 program to encourage people who drink to do so responsibly. The "0" in 0-1-3 stands for zero alcohol related incidents. That is our goal – if we have no ARIs this month, we will take our Goal Day on May 27. This makes the goal a total team effort, and a chance to practice good Combat Wingman discipline ... look out for one another and take care of your wingman so we can all enjoy a four-day weekend.



Incirlik's 50th Anniversary Committee Community is selling coins to help raise money for the upcoming celebration. Coins are \$10 and are limited — only about 400 remain. To purchase a coin, contact 1st Lt. Sabra Bryant at sabra.bryant@incirlik.af.mil or 6-5791.

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Rich heritage of religious freedom, respect

By Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin

Air Force Chaplain Service

On Sept. 23, 2001, 25,000 people gathered at Yankee Stadium for "A Prayer for America," honoring those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Jewish, Roman Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Protestant, Sikh and Greek Orthodox clergy offered prayers. The prayer service was described as representing the best in America and unprecedented in its interfaith spirit. One commentator even called the diverse gathering of religious expressions a miracle. It was a profound and beautiful response to the hatred and intolerance of the terrorists.

Such "miracles" take place at Air Force chapels throughout the world every day. A spirit of unity and cooperation is seen, not only in the sharing of sacred space by many faith communities, but also in the love and respect we show for one another. For me, one of the absolute joys of being an Air Force chaplain is this privilege of serving such a diverse community. The Air Force Chaplain Service is devoted to serving the religious needs of all Airmen and their families. We are committed to serving the one who is different with the same passion as the one from our own faith group. This is something that is a wonder to the world! Yet, it is true. This is the culture of the Airman.

There are countless inspiring stories of chaplains and chaplain assistants modeling this beautiful spirit and helping to shape this culture of respect within the Air Force. Recently, in the Middle East, two Protestant chaplains rallied parishioners to join several Jewish Airmen in order to have a Seder service. The presence of the Protestant Airmen at the supper made possible the Passover celebration for the Jewish Airmen. It was a moment neither group will ever forget. This is the culture of the Airman.

Chaplains come from many faith communities. We are as diverse as the Air Force. How is it possible that we work together when our beliefs are so different? We rally around three great watchwords. These words, inscribed on our Chaplain Service seal, unite us and give focus to our service. They are freedom, faith and ministry. What a calling is ours! Faithfully representing our faith communities, we cooperate without compromise. And the reason we do this? It's for the Airmen! We are here to ensure their right to the free exercise of religion. That's the "freedom" and "faith" part of the seal. "Ministry" captures our commitment to care for the needs of the Airmen everywhere they serve.

There are several documents on religious freedom that are important to military members. They are Department of Defense Directive 1300.17, Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military Services, and Air Force Instruction 36-2706 Chapter 8, Accommodation of Religious Practices for the Air Force. These

documents affirm that the free exercise of religion is a basic principle of our nation. They make it policy for commanders to approve accommodation of religious practices when accommodation will not have an adverse effect on military readiness, unit cohesion, standards or discipline. Chaplains are here to help commanders understand the issues in our complex, religiously diverse Air Force community and help Airmen as they seek to practice their faith while serving in the military and the federal workplace.

Clearly, there is the expectation that Airmen will respect each other and accommodate one another in the practice of their faith. Through the years, I have heard of individuals who do not understand or appreciate this basic principle of who we are. When one fails to respect the individual rights of others, he or she acts contrary to the cultural and constitutional framework in America which protects our religious freedoms. Lack of respect and tolerance for the rights of others to believe as they so choose hurts each of us and jeopardizes good order, discipline, unit cohesion and our ability to accomplish the missions with which our nation entrusts us. There is no place in our Air Force for disrespectful names, slurs and jokes that make someone feel alienated from the team.

In response to the need to re-enforce this message, the Chaplain Service has introduced Respecting the Spiritual Values of all People program. We offered it first at the Air Force Academy and will follow at other bases. This program encourages people to confidently and authentically live out their own faith commitments and deeply respect others whose faith is different from their own. This is the culture of the Airman.

We didn't just recently begin to value religious freedom and individual rights. This is a central part of our rich American heritage. It has been re-enforced through the years with countless acts of courage and sacrifice both large and small. One of the most memorable examples of this American character happened Feb. 3, 1943, aboard the U.S. Army Transport *Dorchester*. An enemy torpedo hit the ship. Four chaplains (two Protestant ministers, a Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest) gave up their life preservers, and any chance of survival, so that others could live. The four chaplains died together while they clung to each other and prayed. The survivors, of all faiths, found great strength in the chaplains' prayers and courage, and they never forgot the sacrifice or the spirit of the four chaplains.

Today, in that same spirit, Air Force chaplains and chaplain assistants provide an example of cooperation without compromise, freedom to live out our faith with respect for all and sacrificial service to others. So, too, may we all serve honorably. This is the culture of the Airman.



Combat Touch is a program to infuse enthusiasm to passionately pursue matters of the spirit in our community through active participation in base programs. The primary goal of the program is to ensure airmen and family members are aware of the programs, services, and expertise available to aid spiritual growth. For more information about the program and upcoming events, call the chapel at 6-6441.

YOUR TURN

How do you prepare your home and family for the arrival of spring?

"We clean out the house."

— **Jayme Arens**, Incirlik family member



"Nothing really here, I have a gardener. The biggest thing is boxing up the winter clothes we don't need anymore."

— **Master Sgt. Benjamin Leal**, 39th Maintenance Squadron



"Shopping, I have to buy some new clothes. And I work out to get ready for bikini season."

— **Staff Sgt. Gwen Price**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron



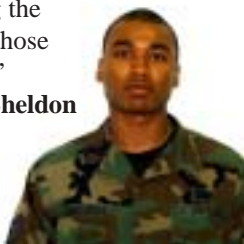
"I just clean out the kids' closets and put the house in order."

— **Amy Hudson**, housing office



"I start hitting the gym and losing those holiday pounds."

— **Staff Sgt. Sheldon Armstrong**, 39th Communications Squadron



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Air Force focuses on religious respect

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—One's religious beliefs, or the absence of beliefs in an established religion, should never be grounds for unlawful discrimination, the chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service said.

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin recently explained the role of chaplains and respect for others' beliefs throughout the Air Force.

"Our instructions include a code of ethics that requires chaplains to respect all faiths and work without judgment in a religiously pluralistic environment," he said. "We have no tolerance for religious discrimination."

The principle of respecting the religious views of others is nothing new for the Air Force or the military as a whole.

"We didn't just begin to value religious freedom and individual rights," Chaplain Baldwin said. "This is a central part of our rich American heritage and is embodied in the First Amendment to the Constitution. It has been re-enforced through the years with countless acts of courage and sacrifice both large and small."

Starting Spring 2004, Air Force Academy leaders said they noticed some religion-related concerns from the results of a climate survey given to permanent party staff and faculty. Subsequently, they conducted a cadet climate survey and found a similar trend. In turn, the leaders encouraged the academy community to highlight specific incidents involving religion.

Through these self-initiated efforts last year, academy officials discovered more than 30 percent of non-Christian students who took the survey said Christian cadets are given preferential treatment, while less than 10 percent of Christian students felt that way. A little more than half of non-Christian students who took the survey reported they "have not felt pressure to be involved in religion" at the academy.

"We make sure our training centers — the Air Force Academy, basic military training school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and the officer training school at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. — are staffed at 100 percent to meet the spiritual needs of our Airmen and that these chaplains understand and teach the concepts or religious accommodation and respect,"

Chaplain Baldwin said.

To re-enforce a learning and training environment that emphasizes the value of religious freedom and respect, academy officials instituted a new training program called Respecting the Spiritual Values of all People.

"The focus of the small-group seminars — each facilitated by a chaplain, a lawyer and a commander — is on the diversity of the Air Force and the need for each person to respect everyone else, regardless of their beliefs or faith," said Johnny Whitaker, Air Force Academy communications director.

"It is not about any particular religion or belief system, but ensuring that each Airman has the right to believe as he or she chooses," he said. "The program uses some stage-setting briefings, clips from popular movies and role-playing videos to convey the parameters of practicing one's religion and beliefs in a military setting." It also addresses the limits on government employee's practicing their religion in the work place.

The RSVP program prototype was redesigned into the current 50-minute seminars involving 35 to 50 people per session.

The training is mandatory for all of the nearly 9,000 people assigned to the academy, cadets and permanent party alike, and is scheduled to be completed by the end of May. RSVP is the first phase of planned, continuing respect training at the academy.

Michael L. Dominguez, acting secretary of the Air Force, and senior Air Force leaders said they are confident the academy and the Air Force at large will continue to promote self-critique, self-inspection and self-improvement in all areas. Air Force and the academy leaders remain committed to fostering a respectful and spiritual environment.

"(Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff) and I stand ready to provide any assistance (Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa Jr., academy superintendent) needs, and will stay in close touch with him as the academy deals with this issue," Mr. Dominguez said.

"This program encourages people to confidently and authentically live out their own faith and belief commitments, and deeply respect others whose spiritual strength comes from a faith or source different from their own," he said. "Such mutual respect is essential to the culture of the Airman."

Earn more money while stationed in Turkey NEWS

By Army Capt. Patrick Sampsell
208th Finance Battalion

The U.S. government offers any servicemember serving in a designated combat zone, qualified hazardous duty area, or directly supporting of a combat zone, an opportunity to participate in a savings program that is free, guaranteed and fully backed by the U.S. government.

Whether active duty, Reserve or National Guard, servicemembers are eligible to contribute up to \$10,000 to a no-risk, no-fee, program that pays 10 percent annual interest, compounded quarterly. Moreover, they can leave funds in the program for up to 90 days after redeployment and the account will continue to draw interest.

Servicemembers are able to contribute to their Savings Deposit Program account on a monthly basis. The maximum amount per month is lim-

ited to the individual's unallotted income, the amount remaining after the collection and payment of all existing taxes, allotments and debt obligations. Deposits to the program made on or before the 10th of the month accrue interest from the 1st of the month. Deposits made after the 10th of the month accrue interest from the first day of the following month.

Servicemembers are able to make deposits into the program after serving 30 consecutive days in a designated area or by spending one day per month for three consecutive months in a designated area. To establish an account, visit the local finance office with a current Leave and Earnings Statement and make a deposit by cash, check or money order. With an appropriate power of attorney, outside parties can make deposits into the program, as long as it does not exceed the servicemember's monthly disposable income.

There are limitations on when the money may be withdrawn. It is intended that deposits made remain in the program at least until the person redeployes or moves. Withdrawals are limited during the time within the designated area to those necessary to preserve the health or welfare of the servicemember or their family. Additionally, any interest accruing in the account which causes the account to exceed \$10,000 may be withdrawn quarterly. Money must be withdrawn within 90 days of exiting the designated area. Interest will be accrued for as long as 90 days after redeployment.

After 90 days, the money no longer accrues interest, but no penalties will be assessed either. The balance of the account will automatically be sent to the address provided by the account holder. To stop the allotment for the program, people must submit a DD Form 2558 upon arrival at home station.

Getting promoted *Study guides to hit streets by end of May*

By 1st Lt. Denise Burnham
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The latest edition of enlisted promotion study guides will hit the streets by the end of May, according to Air Education and Training Command officials.

Both the Promotion Fitness Examination and the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination, officially known as Volumes 1 and 2 of Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, are used by senior airmen through senior master sergeants to study for promotion.

"The PFEs are shipped overseas first and then throughout the United States with final distribution on the East Coast since the distribution center is located there," said Master Sgt. Gary Billington, the Air Force manager for the PFE study guide at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, which writes the PFE. "This helps ensure everyone has the book in hand at approximately the same time."

The goal, Sergeant Billington said, is to have study materials in the hands of promotion-eligible Airmen by July 1. The material will be distributed with the following priority:

- Senior master sergeants testing in cycle 05E9.
- Master sergeants testing in cycle 06E8.
- Staff and technical sergeants testing in cycle 06E6 and 06E/7.
- Senior airmen testing in cycle 06E5.
- All remaining enlisted Airmen.

The electronic version of both guides will be available online by July 1 at www.e-publishing.af.mil/.

Unit Weighted Airmen Promotion System monitors will distribute the study guides to assigned Airmen, whether at home station or deployed. It is the WAPS monitor's responsibility to send the guides to Airmen deployed, Sergeant Billington said.

A significant change is Volume 2 now includes Volume 1. In the past, master and senior master sergeants received both study guides. Senior airmen, staff sergeants and technical sergeants will continue to receive Volume 1 only.

Both guides contain a compact disk located on the back cover that includes an electronic version and a five-minute video about AFOMS and how promotion tests are developed.

Updated information about counseling, communication and Air Force organizations is included in the PFE. Sergeant Billington said they placed more emphasis on enlisted contributions in Air Force history and added new information about military benefits, the virtual military personnel flight and nutrition.

Changes to the supervisory guide include new information about contingency warfare planning and critical thinking, and chapters on staff-level communication and civilian personnel management.

Changes to the study guides begin more than two years before they are published.

"We are already developing the 2007 PFE," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael O'Neill, the AFOMS professional development flight chief.

"Beginning 29 months before the new PFEs hit the streets, (Airmen) are asked to participate in an online survey," Sergeant Billington said. "The survey results are then used to revise the study guides and ultimately write promotion tests based on feedback from the field."

"Many people don't know that these surveys are a way for Airmen in the field to make their input on future promotion tests," he said.

Once ready, the guides are approved by the Air Force personnel director for final release. Unlike a standard Air Force instruction, once the PFE is final, changes are made only when the document is reviewed and republished every two years, Sergeant Billington said.

To provide feedback on the new PFE, send an e-mail to pfesg@randolph.af.mil.

Two Airmen among recipients of military service award

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Two Airmen were among the six recipients of the annual Government Employees Insurance Company Military Service Awards.

For 17 years, GEICO has recognized servicemembers from all branches of the service — including the Guard and Reserve — for work in drug and alcohol abuse prevention, fire and safety prevention, and traffic safety and accident prevention.

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Funkhouser, of the 374th Fire Protection Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan, won the award for his efforts related to fire prevention and safety. While stationed at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., Sergeant Funkhouser installed more than 200 smoke detectors in one day. He also trained hundreds of local firefighters and is credited for developing a sophisticated fire and rescue training simulator.

Sergeant Funkhouser could not attend the April 25 award ceremony here because he is deployed to Iraq, but his wife attended on his behalf. He said in an e-mail interview he was surprised and honored by the award.

“I was surprised to say the least,” he said. “I was just happy to be named Air Combat Command’s selection. Winning at Air Force level was surreal. I didn’t think I would win the award. There are many firefighters around the Air Force (who) have accomplished much more than I. But I am honored to represent them.”

The award-winning sergeant said safety is something within everybody’s control, and that everybody must do their part.

“Fire safety for the most part is something we all have control over. I have seen the devastating results of people losing their belongings or someone they loved,” he said. “Any chance to prevent that from happening makes the effort worthwhile.”

Master Sgt. Kenneth Baldwin, of the 944th Fighter Wing’s safety office at Luke AFB, Ariz., was selected as a winner among reservists for his efforts in traffic safety and traffic accident prevention. Sergeant Baldwin conducted monthly local traffic safety training for more than 500 people the past five years, resulting in zero accidents. He was also recognized for his efforts in driver education and for his active involve-

ment in the Delaware Safe Kids coalition — an organization dedicated to bicycle safety awareness.

Sergeant Baldwin also said he was surprised to be selected.

“I couldn’t believe it; it didn’t seem real,” he said. “Even when we flew in here it didn’t seem real. I’ve been fortunate in my military career to work for some great bosses and great staffs in the safety offices I’ve worked in. It’s very humbling to receive an individual award like this and really, the folks I worked with deserve to be up here with me.”

Sergeant Baldwin’s work in traffic safety spans both his careers — as an Airman and as a civilian in Arizona.

Arizona has three of the top five cities in the nation known for people running red lights, he said.

“It is very dangerous, and people die every day there,” he said. “In my civilian job, one of my co-workers lost his daughter on prom night (to someone who ran a red light,) and he established the Red Means Stop Coalition. I asked if I could take his program out to the Reserve units and educate our troops as they are coming in.”

He said he believes his efforts in bringing that education to his unit have been successful, as there have been no losses because of traffic accidents.

Today, both Airmen work in different parts of the world and in different components of the Air Force. But the two have a history together. They were both stationed at Dover AFB, Del., in the 1990s. Sergeant Funkhouser worked in the fire station, and Sergeant Baldwin worked in the 436th Airlift Wing’s safety office. Neither was surprised the other had won the award.

“I am not surprised at his selection, because he is tops in his field,” Sergeant Funkhouser said of Sergeant Baldwin.

Sergeant Baldwin said seeing Sergeant Funkhouser’s name on the list of award winners brings back memories of working at Dover.

“When we got the list of names, I looked and saw (his) name on there,” Sergeant Baldwin said. “Right away it brings back welcome memories of working at Dover with him. We worked hand-in-hand when we were stationed there.”

Sergeants Baldwin and Funkhouser were awarded with commemorative plaques and \$2,500 honorariums from the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation.



Photo by Airman Dawn Duman

Back flow protection

A problem the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron is experiencing on base is personnel and gardeners removing back flow protection from garden hose connections. The Vacuum breaker prevents contaminants from being sucked back into the base water supply. If contaminants get back into the base water supply, they could be consumed by the base populace.

This problem can easily be fixed by not removing the devices after installation. The device can reduce water pressure, but protecting the base water supply is one of 39th CES’s top priorities. For more information, call Chuck Sanderson, Incirlik Facility Manager, at 6-3701.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Bradley Lail

On the radar

Senior Airman Shawn Hinkle (front), 39th Maintenance Squadron, helps 39th Communications Squadron members replace an existing radar shelter next to the flightline Wednesday. The precision approach radar is used during inclement weather to help guide aircraft to the runway.

Education Fair



The annual Incirlik Education Fair is Wednesday at the Club. School representatives from University of Maryland, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Central Texas College and University of Phoenix will be there with information and to answer questions. Information booths will also be set up for Oklahoma, Park and Troy Universities. Education advisors will also be there to answer any questions on CCAF, CLEP, Dantes and Excelsior testing, and commissioning opportunities. For more information, call the education center at 6-3211.

IN THE NEWS

Power outages

There is a power today from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today for buildings 558, 564, 570, 590 and 590A. For more information, call Sabahattin Celik at 6-8020 or 6-6570

WICO closure

The Women, Infants and Children Overseas is closed until Tuesday. For emergencies, call the regional office at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, at DSN 226-9016. After Tuesday, call 6-1237 for inquiries.

Summer hire

The civilian personnel office accepts applications for the 2005 Summer Hire Program until May 13. There are two types of jobs available: administrative clerk or laborer. Applicants will select which type of position they are interested.

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe student summer hire program helps students gain marketable skills for future utilization and gives them a chance to be a part of Team Incirlik for the summer. For more information, call the civilian personnel office at 6-6416.

Annual FOD walk

The Annual runway foreign object debris walk is 8 a.m. May 13. Airfield operations is looking for volunteers to assist in removing debris from the pavements and infields around the runway. Volunteers meet at building 526 on the parking lot side. Transportation to the Airfield is provided. The individual that collects the most FOD earns a three-day pass. For more information, call Senior Airmen Byron Dawson or Bryan Masters at 6-6156.

Suspending phone service

Deploying personnel can suspend their phone service while deployed and will not be charged a connection fee when reconnecting their phones. For more information, see the "telephone service" link on *The Source* or call 6-2994 or 6-COMM for instructions.

NCO sets pace to help Air Force family

By Tech. Sgt. Cindy Dorfner

100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England—Like many service members, Master Sgt. Pat Combs wanted to do something for the families of the nine base members who lost their lives in the MC-130H crash in Albania March 31.

What he ended up doing on April 16, however, might seem unimaginable to most people on base. He ran. And ran. And ran. And, when he thought he couldn't run anymore, he kept on running.

In fact, Sergeant Combs, acting airfield manager for the 100th Operations Support Squadron, ran 21.6 miles, nearly eight miles farther than his personal best.

In completing his Forrest Gump-like feat, Sergeant Combs raised \$1,600 worth of pledges from members of the 100th OSS and 100th Operations Group — half of which he donated to the families of the crew of Wrath 11, with the other half for his squadron's booster club.

A 17-year Air Force veteran, Sergeant Combs said he actually came up with the idea, to raise money by running, a while ago. He was deployed and would run along "runner's road" nearly every day with "nothing but time on my hands." He said he thought pledging a run would be a perfect way to raise money and he'd have to "earn it."

With his busy duty schedule, though, the native of Battle Ground, Wash., wasn't able to volunteer during the initial base-wide support activities for the crew and families of Wrath 11, said Lt. Col. Terry Ward, 100th OSS commander.

"(But), he worked out his schedule and allowed his desire to do something to assist the families motivate him every step of the way," Colonel Ward said.

Sergeant Combs, who took up running three years ago because the food and drink in Germany were "taking over," normally runs off base.

For this adventure, he ran three times around a 7.2-mile loop on base, which took him past almost every facility on RAF Mildenhall; it took him 3 hours, 10 minutes.

According to Maj. David Valentine, prior to the run Sergeant Combs thought two laps would be the furthest he could go, but at the end of the second lap, squadron members and leadership urged him to keep going.

And he wasn't alone. For the first lap, 1st Lt. Kevin Bush and Airman 1st Class Gary Fisher ran alongside. On the second loop, Major Valentine and Capt. Mike King joined him.

The third lap, Sergeant Combs was on his own — except for Master Sgt. Shea Saul, 100th OSS first sergeant, who rode his bike alongside him the entire time.

Sergeant Saul said he followed on his bike to give Sergeant Combs a sports drink, show support and make sure he didn't pass out.

At one point, the pair ran out of sports drink, so Sergeant Saul rode to the Shoppette to get more.



Photo by Karen Abeyasekera

Master Sgt. Pat Combs, 100th Operations Support Squadron, takes a leisurely jog around the back of the air traffic control tower. Sergeant Combs recently ran 21.6 miles around the base and raised \$1,600 worth of pledges, half of which went to the families of the crew of Wrath 11.

"He was one mile ahead of me ... it took me 20 minutes and three miles to catch up to him. My legs were spaghetti by then," the first sergeant said.

About a quarter into the third lap, Sergeant Combs said he started to feel pains in places he thought he couldn't, but determination kept him going.

"I used to wrestle in high school, so I am used to being pushed to the limit," he said. "The other key (to finishing) was staying focused on what (I was doing) and who I was doing it for."

He also needed to keep focused after the run was over.

"I was in pain almost immediately after the run," Sergeant Combs said.

"Walking was very slow for the next four days, and going down stairs was not a very good idea."

Colonel Ward said he's proud to be Sergeant Combs' commander.

"He epitomizes the spirit of the NCO and put into practice some of the things we in the military have come to hold dear — things like taking care of our own, selfless acts of volunteerism and personal achievement."

These Combat Wingman traits of an Airman taking care of Airmen even captured the attention of wing leadership.

"That's something no sane person would do without thinking he was doing it for a good cause," said Col. Richard T. Devereaux, 100th Air Refueling Wing commander, during a presentation of a Wingman coin to Sergeant Combs April 19.

Sergeant Combs takes the praise in stride.

"Doing something special for the families meant so much because I would want my family to be taken care of, if something happened to me," he said.

"These kinds of things hit close to home — not only occupationally, but on the home front," said Sergeant Combs. "One of the families lived right down the road from me. Although we had never met, they were part of my community. That's the best way I can put it — the Air Force is a family."



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

Adana Kebap

Question: My husband and I were stationed at Incirlik a few years ago. We are back in the United States now, but we both loved the food in Turkey. My husband's favorite was rolled kebaps. I have many Turkish cook books but none seem to have the recipe for the bread used to roll the kebaps in. I would greatly appreciate if you could tell me how to make it.

Response: You might have noticed during your stay here that almost every region has a special food in Turkey and Adana kebab is the specialty of Adana. You will never find a kabop that tastes the same as Adana kebaps, even if you try neighboring cities of Adana.

The rolled kebab, called durum, is another specialty of Adana. The bread of a rolled kebab should be baked in a wood-burning oven. You should add nothing but yeast to the dough, and the dough should be flattened very thin. Do not bake the bread until it is crispy. It should only be half baked so that it stays soft so you can roll the kebab in it. Before rolling, add the special salad – very thinly-sliced chopped tomato, chopped onion treated with hot red pepper, salt and sumac, parsley, and peppermint.

If you still cannot get the bread baked just right, try to use a big size tortilla. It might serve the same purpose.

The rolled kebab is the fast food of Adana. Many people think the reason McDonald's closed four of the five shops in Adana is because they could not compete with rolled Adana kebaps.

Spicy gum

Question: Mehmet, one of my Turkish friends went to Izmir two weeks ago. When he came back, he gave us a type of spicy gum. He said he got it from Manisa and said it is an elixir and good for everything. I tasted it, and it was really spicy. He told me a story about it, but I did not understand it. What is the story behind that spicy gum?

Response: The elixir your friend brought to you from Manisa is called *Mesir Macunu*. That elixir has an interesting historical background.



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. John Dubois, 39th Contracting Squadron, takes a bite of a rolled Adana Kebab.

The locals of Manisa, a city close to Izmir, have held a “*Mesir Macunu*” festival for more than 450 years. Every April, thousands of local people and visitors from other cities gather in front of the 16th century Sultan Mosque where tons of mesir gum, an imperial elixir that once cured Suleiman the Magnificent's ailing mother, is thrown from the rooftops. The gum is wrapped in paper in small quantities. Even that small quantity is believed to be sufficient for its purpose. Crowds scramble for the spicy gum which many believe restores health, youth and potency.

The Ottoman Prince Suleiman, later on known as Suleiman the Magnificent, was appointed to the governorship of Manisa by the sultan, his father. That was a tradition in the Ottoman system. The crown princes were sent to provinces as governors so they could learn the state administration and train for their future duties as sultan. Suleiman's mother was expected to accompany her son on the trip, but she was suffering from a serious illness and could not go.

Imperial doctors at the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul were unable to diagnose the problem, so Suleiman asked the renowned Manisa doctor, Merkez Muslihiddin Efendi, to prepare a cure. Merkez Efendi rose to the challenge, mixing the powerful mesir elixir from 41 different ingredients including saffron, liquorice and mustard. The potion was subsequently dispatched to the imperial palace in Istanbul and the mother made a rapid recovery.

Upon her recovery, Suleiman's mother ordered a mosque to be built in Manisa in appreciation for her recovery. Sultan Mosque complex was built in 1522.

More than 15,000 people, including the

Speaker of the Turkish Parliament who is originally from Manisa, gathered in front of the Sultan Mosque this year to grab a piece of imperial elixir. In fact, he was able to grab 41 pieces. *Mesir Macunu* has gained the reputation of being the strongest aphrodisiac in the country due to its energizing qualities. Hundreds of kilograms of *Mesir Macunu* were thrown from the rooftops of the Sultan Mosque.

Manisa authorities said almost 40 tons of elixir would be produced this year and about 10 tons of it would be exported to European countries.

The recipe has been secretly transferred from generation to generation among the town's ruling class, known only to municipal authorities and officially appointed makers. This year, Manisa held the 465th festival. Five years ago, the formula was officially approved by the Turkish Pharmaceutical Standards Institutes.

In Turkish

Baharat - spice
(bah-hahr-ath)

hasta - ill
(hahs-tah)

anne - mother
(ahn-neh)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

COMM strikes out SVS to win championship

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

COMM sizzled at the Magic Carpet Bowling Center lanes and captured the base intramural bowling championship against SVS Monday.

After the smoke settled Monday night, John Price said he attributes COMM's success during the championship to a team effort coming off the heels of their lead-off bowler Aron "First Game Muel" Mueller. "He held the lowest average on team, but often provided the spark to fire up the rest of the team with a big opening game, beating everyone on the team," said Price.

After losing a 16 game lead to CES with four weeks remaining in the regular season, Price said, "CES could not lose, they were red hot coming into the tournament."

COMM's Paul Roeske said he expected a showdown with CE in the final but, "SVS pulled off a big upset when they knocked off CES."

SVS bowled with the same five people throughout the tournament and were consistent night after night.

"We did not have our best night," said SVS's Ted Kelley. "COMM didn't hold back either. They bowled like they were trying to get into the playoffs instead of bowling for the championship."

COMM won the match by 300 pins and completed the tournament in a clean sweep with two narrow victories.

"We had close matches against SFS and CES ... those games were decided in the last game of the evening," Roeske said.

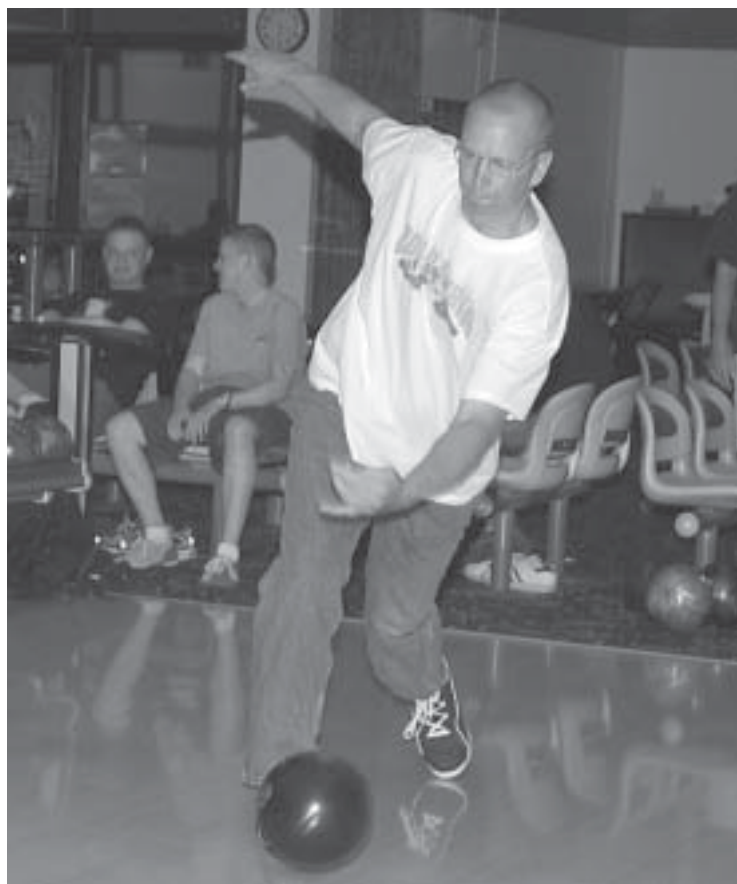
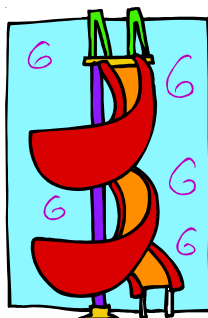


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MSgt Paul Roeske, COMM, bowls during the championship game Monday. COMM took the tournament in a clean sweep with two narrow victories.

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Base pool opens Saturday

The base pool is scheduled to open Saturday with a new adventure slide. Pool passes are on sale at outdoor recreation. Individual passes are \$30 per month and \$100 for the year. Family passes are \$40 per month and \$135 for the year. Aqua aerobics passes are \$30 per month. Day passes are \$2 for ages 1 to 12 years old and \$2.50 for those older than 12. For more information, call 6-6044.

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THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Key Spouses evening

The Key Spouses, Family Support Center and the Incirlik Combined Spouses Club are hosting an evening of bunko and food for all Incirlik spouses from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Incirlik club complex. For more information, call Richelle Kemper at 6-8289.

PTSC meeting

Nominations for Incirlik high school Parent Teacher Student Club board members are being accepted through Monday. Elections are 5 p.m. Tuesday. To make a nomination or for more information, call Senior Master Sgt. John Herkel at 6-6439.

Mother's Day gifts

The 39th Services Squadron is offering a number of Mother's Day gift packages. Orders can be placed through the community center. For more information, call Nerissa Atkisson at 6-6966 or 6-1032.

Women's Soccer

The base women's soccer team meets 2 p.m. Sundays at the high school soccer field. Anyone who wants to learn or play soccer can attend practices. For more information, call Stephanie Martin at 6-6810 or e-mail at stephanie.martin@incirlik.af.mil.

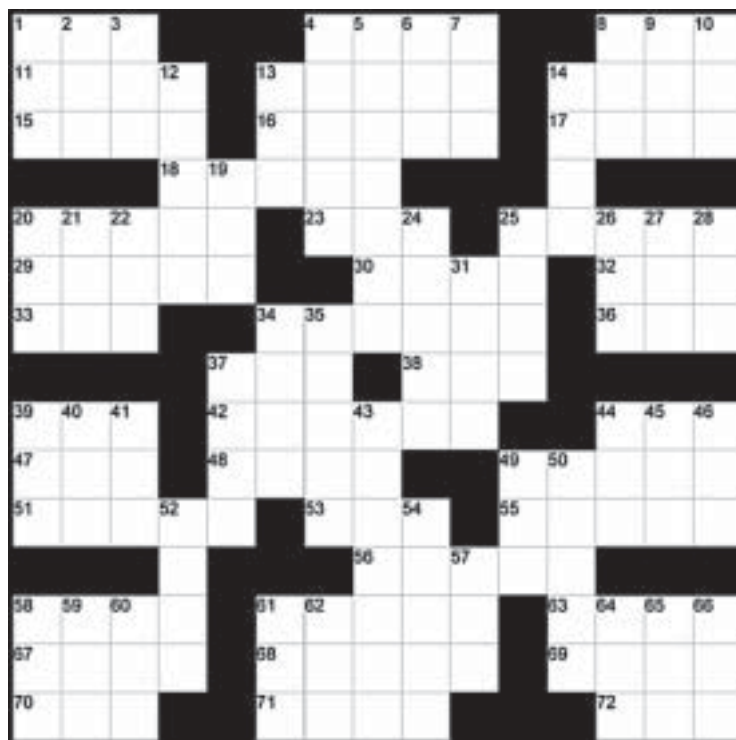
Community yard sale

Incirlik's 50th Anniversary Committee hosts a Community Yard Sale May 14 at Arkadas Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are needed. If you would rather sell your own items, you can buy a space for \$10. For more information, call 1st Lt. Sabra Bryant at sabra.bryant@incirlik.af.mil or 6-5791.

Bingo

Bingo is open to all Club Card holders 18 years and up every Wednesday in the Club ballroom. Card sales start at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. For more information, call the Club at 6-6101.

Asian Pacific Islander Month



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public
Affairs

ACROSS

1. American comedian Costello
4. USAF lawyers
8. Hole
11. Mistakes
13. Carpenter's tool
14. Singer Jones
15. Pulitzer Prize writer Ferber
16. Pulitzer Prize poet Edna _____ Vincent Millay
17. Equipment
18. Brigades
20. Stadium
23. Long time
25. An inert gas
29. Eddie Murphy movie _____ Daycare

30. Head covering
32. Field movie Norma _____
33. USAF commissioning source
34. Restoring drinks
36. _____ A mouse!
37. Rowing need
38. _____-jay, MTV employee
39. Play part
42. First Asian-American Olympic diving gold medalist Victoria Manalo _____
44. Person in the Mekong Delta
47. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
48. 9th letter of Greek alphabet
49. Correct
51. A sign
53. Entrance to a cordon, in brief
55. Brown color
56. Foreigner

58. Chinese American magnetic core memory inventor (1944) An _____
61. Plant with star-shaped flowers
63. Japanese-American Gold medal speed skater Apolo Anton _____
67. Land measurement
68. Regions
69. _____ in; curb
70. Ocean part
71. Assists
72. Federal environment org.

DOWN

1. Taiwanese-American Yuan T. _____ '86 Chemistry Nobel Prize winner
2. California fort for training, once
3. Vase
4. Past performance record

5. First Korean to become American citizen (1888) Phillip _____
6. _____ Arbor
7. Place
8. Writer Edgar Allan _____
9. A Gershwin
10. Road material
12. First Asian-American elected to Congress (1956); Dalip Singh _____
13. 23rd letter of Greek alphabet
14. First Asian-American to win Academy Award (1986) Haing _____
19. Negative vote
20. Commotion
21. Traitor
22. O'Neal and Harris
24. Immature
25. Rear end
26. Grad school test
27. Grown-up acorn
28. Indicates maiden name
31. Puts frosting on cake
34. Poi starter
35. Speak
37. Norse god
39. Op or fine
40. First Asian-American to star in own TV show (1994) Margaret _____
41. Alaska town
43. Left
44. Hawaiian gift
45. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* Oscar-nominated director _____ Lee
46. Lyrical poem
49. Honest _____; Lincoln nickname
50. First Filipino to serve in a U.S. legislature 1962 Benjamin _____
52. Rim
54. "Guilty" and "Not Guilty" in court
57. Federal tax org.
58. Existed
59. Pilot with 5+ kills
60. Gun org.
61. Auto club, in short
62. _____ Lanka
64. TV class _____-Haw
65. Swig
66. *Cat _____ Hot Tin Roof*



Yard Sale: A yard sale is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at 3915A Redwood Street in Eagle Housing. Items for sale include infant toys and clothes, movies and a dining room table with a leaf and four chairs. Owner is PCSing and must sell. For more information, call Jeremy Morris at 6-5950.

Yard sale: A dual-family yard sale starts at 7 a.m. Saturday at 2860B Bergama Street in Phantom Housing. For more information, call Nick or Tasha at 6-2937.

For Sale: 1984 Mercedes 240SE, straight

six and automatic transmission — well maintained. New tires, CD player, seat heaters and air conditioning. Selling for \$2,000. For more information, call William Harlan at 6-6363.

Free to good home: 3-year-old long hair cat. Litter box trained - includes self-cleaning litter box. Indoor only. Very affectionate, loves attention, good with other cats and older children. Front declawed, AVID chip, all shots. New baby takes up too much of our time, not fair to cat. **For sale:** Locally made computer armoire and matching bookcase. Dark cherry finish. Not quite big enough for what we need. Paid \$1,000 willing to sell for \$500 O.B.O. For more information, call Kevin at (home) 6-5333 or (work) 6-6910.

Beginner Yoga Classes

Yoga classes for beginners are 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in racquet ball court four at the fitness center. Classes are \$20 for eight, one-hour classes taught by a certified Yoga Fit instructor. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.



Photo by Airman Dawn Duman

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Crossroads Café

Today: The 39th Security Forces Squadron sponsors food and fellowship at the Crossroads Café from 7 to 11 p.m. It is open to ages 18 and older. **Saturday:** The Protestant Men of the Chapel sponsor food and fellowship from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Dianne Garvey at 6-6441.

Combat Touch happenings

There is no **Catholic daily Mass** until May 17. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

The Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsor **Crafts, Chats and Chocolate** from 6 p.m. to midnight at the chapel annex. For more information, call LeeAnn Moore at 6-5946.

A **Christian Women's Luncheon**, sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, is noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Crossroads Café. For more information, call Melanie McDade at 6-9381.

A **Catholic Saturday morning Bible study** begins May 14 in the Chapel conference room. For more information, call Michael Luna at 6-9180.



AT THE OASIS

Harlow. (169 minutes)

Today

7 p.m. – Robots (PG) (1st Run) – Animated with voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry and Robin Williams. Rodney Copperbottom is an idealistic robot who wants to convince his electronic brethren to come together and work toward making the world a better place. (88 minutes)

9:15 p.m. – Boogeyman (PG-13) – Starring Barry Watson and Emily Deschanel. Tim is a man who is still haunted by traumatic memories of his past, many linked to the death of his father. Tim wants to convince himself the ghostly memories he carries are just a figment of his imagination, but there may be a kernel of truth to them. (86 minutes)

Saturday

5 p.m. – Robots (PG) (1st Run) – Animated with voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry and Robin Williams. (88 minutes)

7:30 p.m. – The Aviator (PG-13) – Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett. A snapshot in the life of the legendary Howard Hughes as he begins to direct the 1930 film "Hell's Angels" starring Jean

Sunday

7 p.m. – The Aviator (PG-13) – Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett. (169 minutes)

Thursday

7 p.m. – Hitch (PG-13) – Starring Will Smith and Eva Mendes. Alex is a "date doctor" who claims to be able to find customers their perfect romantic match in three dates or less. Sara, a gossip reporter for a daily tabloid, makes Hitch re-evaluate his game, and rethink love in the process. (115 minutes)

AT THE M1

The Interpreter (PG-13) — 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (130 minutes)

Finding Neverland (PG) — 11:45 a.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The Very Long Engagement (R) — noon, 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (134 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.